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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Toshihisa Nakamura et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3736
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Application No.: 10/519,790)	Examiner: Jonathan M Foreman
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Filed: September 22, 2005)	Confirmation No.: 3076
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For: BODY FLUID COLLECTING DEVICE)	

RESPONSE TO HOLDING OF LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 7, 2009, the following remarks are submitted.

The aforementioned Official Action indicates that the claims in this application are directed to two different inventions lacking unity of invention. As identified in the Official Action, the two inventions are as follows.

Group I invention recited in Claims 28-42 drawn to a body fluid collection device.

Group II invention set forth in Claims 43-57 directed to a body fluid collection device.

Based on the observation that the two inventions lack unity of invention, a restriction requirement is imposed requiring an election of one of the two inventions.

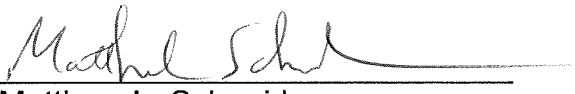
Applicants hereby elect, the Group I invention recited in Claims 28-42.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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